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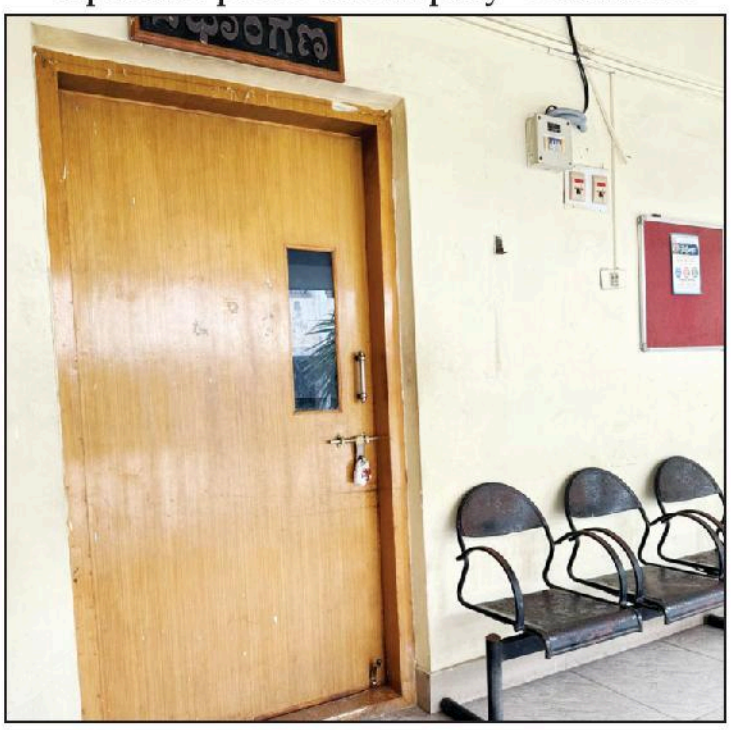
- Inquiry Committee fails to return from Bengaluru after 10 days of file scrutiny
- One-Man Judicial Commission to conduct a parallel probe like Inquiry Committee



The sealed MUDA Meeting Hall.

> The formation of two investigative bodies in parallel has raised suspicions about Govt.'s seriousness in uncovering the truth in MUDA scandal and bringing culprits to justice. Questions have arisen about how two investigative bodies can examine records at MUDA simultaneously and if the investigation processes will clash and become counter-productive.

Mysuru, July 17 (RK&BCT)- Doubts have begun to arise regarding the direction of the investigation into the allocation of valuable plots in prestigious layouts in Mysuru city. These plots were distributed as compensation for land used without acquisition, in a 50:50 ratio, in violation of rules.

By arbitrarily allocating 4,500 to 5,000 plots, a loss amounting to thousands of crores of rupees has been caused to the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and State Exchequer.

Observing the slow pace of the investigation into this massive land scam involving significant misappropriation, public has started questioning the seriousness and integrity of investigation. Reports are circulating that State Government is not genuinely committed to the investigation, leading many to believe whole process is a sham.

The Inquiry Committee formed by the State Government, under senior IAS Officer R. Venkatachalapathy, Commissioner of Urban Development Authorities and Town and Country Planning, to probe the MUDA land deals, examined files related to the 50:50 ratio site distribution. The team began the probe in the first week of July and had been camping in Mysuru for the last 10 days.

Records from all sections, log books, movement registers, file notings and opinions regarding the site allocation were summoned and scrutinised. As files were examined, officers from the relevant sections were called in for more information and clarity.

No information about Committee

While the Inquiry Committee was in Mysuru, they were accommodated at the Government Guest House. After scrutinising files in day-long sessions for 10 days, the Committee members left for Bengaluru last Friday.

(See PROBE on page 6)

Youth's car stunt sparks assault Six arrested

Mysuru, July 17 (RK&BCT)- A car stunt by a youth proved costly for him as he was assaulted by a 10-member gang in the city on July 11.

An FIR has been registered at Kuvempunagar Police Station on July 13 based on the complaint by Umesh, the father of the victim, and six persons have been arrested. Four in the gang are absconding.

The youth who has been assaulted has been identified as Darshan, who stays in Bengaluru. The arrested are Pavan alias Dali, Tejus, Agni, Hemanth, Amir and another Thejus. All the arrested persons are aged between 18 and 19 years.

According to the FIR and the Police, on July 11, between 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm, Darshan drove his car near the Lemon Three hotel in Dattagalli where a group of 10 youths had gathered. As Darshan performed a stunt with his car, it angered the group, but they initially stayed quiet.

Police said that, Darshan left the place and returned after some time and again performed a similar stunt with his car. Among the group of youth, seven were known to Darshan and he owed them some money. The vehicle stunts provoked the group, leading to a confrontation.

According to the FIR, the 10-member gang assaulted Darshan and demanded the repayment of the money owed, threatening him with a knife. The gang later bundled Darshan into a car and took him to a secluded vacant spot at Chikkaharadanahalli near Ashokapuram Railway Station.

Police said that, the gang intimidated Darshan and threatened him not to reveal the incident to anyone and snatched his mobile phone. Darshan's father Umesh mentioned in his complaint that, his son sustained assault injuries on his head, face, back and ears and was held captive for three hours before being abandoned at Chikkaharadanahalli.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 17th July 2024

Musical Nite in city on July 21

Mysuru, July 17- Dr. Rajkumar Musical Group led by Mysuru Jayaram, an ardent fan of Dr. Rajkumar, has organised a musical nite (songs sung by Kannada film playback singer Rajesh Krishnan) as part of its 22nd anniversary celebrations on July 21 at 5.30 pm at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road.

Former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev will inaugurate. Former Mayor Purushotham will preside. Mysuru District Brahmins Association President D.T. Prakash, Mysuru ASG Eye Hospital's Eye Specialist Dr. Pavan V. Joshi, businessman Ravigowda, film producer M.D. Parthasarathy and City Corporation Contractors Association President Udaykumar will be the chief guests.

At the musical nite, some of Rajesh Krishnan's hit songs for heroes like Dr. Vishnuvardhan, Dr. Shivaraj Kumar, Raghavendra Rajkumar, Dr. Puneeth Rajkumar, Ramesh Aravind, Jaggesh, Sudeep, Murali, Prem and Ramkumar, will be rendered.

Singers Mysuru Jayaram, Ramachandru, Jagadish, TVS Kumar, Baluprakash, Sarvamangala, Ashwini Shastry, Shruti Mandya and Anita will also sing popular songs of Kannada films. Entry is free for the public.

Flute recital at Nanjangud Temple

Flautist Srivatsa of Nanjangud along with his Guru Srinidhi Shiroor (Mysuru) and Dheemanth of Mysuru on mridanga presented a flute recital at Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple in Nanjangud as part of Girija Kalyanotsava recently.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

LESSONS FROM YOGA VASISHTAM: ***A number of enlightened souls found their calling at 16 years of age, including Rama, who manifested on earth as a royal in order to show mankind how to lead a dharmic way of life. When one reaches that state of inner stillness and detachment, forces will work together to elevate such a person to a higher level, said Sri Ramanacharana Tirtha Swami in a discourse on the ancient text*** *Yoga Vasishtam.*

At 16, Rama's friends found him to be detached, sitting as still as a painting and focused on inner thoughts. At this juncture, sage Viswamithra, who arrived there, asked Rama what had been gnawing him like a rat working away at a building. "What ails your *adhi* ***(mind)?" A relieved Rama says, "You are my*** *bandhu,* ***only you can help me. I am weighed down by all the happenings in this world."***

Viswamithra assuages his fear, assuring Rama that there is a way to cross this bridge of *samsara,* ***preparing Rama to be initiated by guru Vasishta. Rama, then in all humility, says he is an*** *agnani,* ***seeking guidance, showing mankind the way to approach a guru. Rama further asks, "There is a churning of thoughts within me. What is the meaning of life? What is the use of a kingdom? My mind is like the embers within the bole of a tree. How can my mind find santi?" The answer lies in looking inwards, in self-realisation. Only then can one find*** *nirvriti. —In The Hindu*

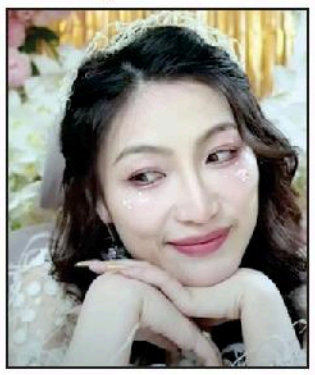
NEWS SPARKLERS

Bicycle poodle, an internet sensation

Beijing: A bicycle-riding poodle has been getting a lot of attention on social media for his ability to get on a bicycle and ride it, using his front legs to steer and his hind legs to pedal.

Xu Laifu is not your average dog. The adorable poodle who hails from somewhere in China's Jiangsu Province can ride a bicycle about as well as a three or four-year-old child. The canine became somewhat of an overnight sensation after videos of him riding a bicycle around a basketball court went viral, first in China and then in other Asian countries. He was recently featured by Japan's Fuji News Network where photos and videos of his bicycle riding left people speechless. According to the Japanese outlet, Laifu's owner spent about a year training the poodle to ride a bicycle, and he apparently loved every minute of it.

'Love Master' teaches to marry rich men



Shanghai: An influencer specialising in dishing out dating and relationship advice for women has come under fire for encouraging her followers to choose wealthy partners for financial gain.

Qu Qu, real name 'Le Chuanqu', is one of the most controversial social media influencers in China. A former singer, she quickly transitioned to the status of online love guru, offering dating and relationship advice with the main goal of elevating themselves financially. What differentiated Qu Qu from other dating gurus is her open view of relationships as 'benefit exchanges' to be exploited for one's financial gains. Often referring to herself as the "McKinsey of relationships," Qu Qu tells her fans that romantic relationships and marriages are steps to climbing on the social and financial ladder.

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Discourse and Guruvandana at Sri Krishnadhama

Mysuru, July 17- Udupi Palimaru Mutt Seer Sri Vidyadeesha Theertha Swamiji will deliver a 4-day discourse on Mahabharatha (Srimanmahabharatha) at Sri Krishnadhama on Sahukar Chennaiah Road, Saraswathipuram, at 6.30 pm from tomorrow (July 18). The discourse will also be held on July 19, 20 and 21 at the same time.

Udupi Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji, who has completed 60 years of age and Udupi Palimaru Mutt's Sri Vidyadeesha Theertha Swamiji will be honoured at the Guruvandana programme to take place at Sri Krishnadhama in city at 5 pm on July 19.

This will be followed by a cultural programme the same evening, during which Divya Giridhar and Anantaraj Mistry will present a 'Dasavaibhava' cultural performance.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2544004 or Mob: 99452-30501, according to a press release.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Appeal for garbage clearance on Devaparthiva Road

Sir,

For over a month, garbage has been accumulating in front of an abandoned house on Devaparthiva Road (BJP Office Road), with no action taken by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). The waste is piled up in front of two long-abandoned and dilapidated houses, which have become havens for rats, and snakes, and a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Despite raising this issue in this column on March 10, 2024, the MCC authorities have not addressed the problem. This ongoing neglect is causing a significant nuisance to the neighbours living adjacent to these abandoned properties.

I have repeatedly complained to the MCC authorities about the garbage disposal and the need for mosquito repellent spraying on this road, but no action has been taken. With the recent rise in dengue fever cases in Mysuru, this negligence poses a serious health risk.

Therefore, I urgently appeal to the MCC authorities to deploy Pourakarmikas to clear the garbage and also notify the owners of the two abandoned houses to clean their premises at the earliest.

—Arun Kumar
Chamarajapuram
14.7.2024

Mysore Warriors' talent hunt in city tomorrow

Mysuru, July 17 (VNS)- City-based Mysore Warriors, owned by NR Group, will be conducting a talent hunt in city for selection of two cricket players to be a part of the franchise in the upcoming Maharaja Trophy KSCA T-20 2024 (formerly known as Karnataka Premier League).

The selection will be held tomorrow (July 18) at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium, Manasagangothri, from 8 am onwards. The talent hunt held recently at Just Cricket Academy in Bengaluru witnessed a total of 260 budding cricketers taking part in the selection process.

Cycle Pure Agarbathi Managing Director and Owner of Mysore Warriors Arjun Ranga, Manager M.R. Suresh and Team Assistant Coach Vijay Madyalkar will be present. Cricketers registered under KSCA Clubs will be eligible to participate in the selection process. Participants should carry their KSCA statistics from the past two years and their cricket kits.

Speaking on the upcoming talent hunt, Arjun Ranga said, "At NR Group, we are committed to offering young budding cricket players a platform to showcase their talent. After witnessing over 260 cricketers participating and showcasing their cricketing prowess in Bengaluru, we are looking forward to seeing the effort and dedication of the cricketers in our home ground."

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Inner Wheel Club of Mysore team

*Seen are (from left) **Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Editor Chaitra Arun, Vice-President Dr. Deep Shekar, Secretary Sumathi Ghanathe, President Pallavi Arun, Immediate Past President Ramya Ashok, Treasurer Jyotsna Raian Irani and ISO (International Service Organiser) Gowri Gokul.***

Mysuru, July 17- The installation of new office-bearers of Inner Wheel Club of Mysore for the year 2024-25 was held on July 12 at a grand event at Oyster Bay.

The new team was installed by Past District Chairman Jannavi Murthy. Outgoing President Ramya Ashok handed over the baton to the newly elected President Pallavi Arun who shared her vision and goals for the upcoming year.

She emphasised the Club's continued commitment to social causes, including women's empowerment, education for underprivileged children and environmental sustainability.

The Inner Wheel Club of Mysore has been actively involved in various community service projects. To commemorate the event, the Club donated groceries and medical kit to Sri Satya Sai Ananthanikethana Ashram worth Rs. 12,000 and spent Rs. 76,000 towards the fees of underprivileged students.

In collaboration with Rotary Mysore, the Inner Wheel Club donated an air compressor worth Rs. 18,000 to the voluntary organisation "Samarpana." This group of young individuals is dedicated to selecting Government Schools in poor condition and painting them with art work, free of cost.

On account of World Environment Day, the Club planted 60 tree saplings in a park at Skilltech South Point, J.P. Nagar. The Club also installed a board with the slogan "Nurturing Nature."

Giving medical aid, empowering women, education for underprivileged children and cancer aid are some of the ongoing projects of the Inner Wheel Club.

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City's Maddaneshwara Vidyarthi Nilaya, located near Hotel Metropole on JLB Road, has invited applications from eligible students studying Under-Graduate & Post-Graduate courses in Mysuru for admission to the hostel, which provides affordable boarding and lodging facility. Prescribed application can be obtained from the warden during office hours. For details, contact Ph: 0821- 2442012 or Mob: 88845-65185, 97396-30714 or 99809-71176.

Direct admission for Second PUC

City's Netaji Education Foundation, located opposite Avila Convent on Krishna Vilas Road, Devaraja Mohalla, has started direct admission for 2nd Year PUC. Eligible students who have passed SSLC or failed in PUC or having attendance shortage in PUC, can apply. For details, contact Ph: 0821-3553964 or Mob: 63641-16745, according to a press release.

Chronic rhinitis and sinusitis camp

JSS Ayurveda Hospital has organised a Chronic Rhinitis and Chronic Sinusitis camp from July 18 to 25 at its premises on Lalithadripura Road in Alanahalli. The camp will be held from 9 am to 4 pm and those suffering from sneezing, running nose, nose blockage, headache etc. may make use of the camp. For details, contact Mob: 94482-11075 or 74837-04114, according to a press release.

Applications invited for availing loan

The K.R. Nagar Town Municipal Council (TMC) has invited applications from eligible persons for availing loans under various schemes of DAY-NULM (Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihood Mission). Residents of K.R. Nagar TMC limits can apply before July 31. For details, contact Ph: 08223- 262242.

Ph.D awardee

S. Sujay has been awarded Ph.D

in Life Science - Bio-Technology and Bio-Informatics by JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Elucidation of Probiotic and Postbiotic Characteristics of Lactic Acid Bacteria Isolated from Dietary Sources with Emphasis on its Anti-Diabetic Properties' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Ramith Ramu.

MP Yaduveer joins cleanliness drive at Kukkarahalli Lake

Mysuru, July 17 (RK&VNS)- Members of various service organisations of city led by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar took part in the cleanliness drive held at Kukkarahalli Lake in city this morning.

The programme held as part of the cleanliness drive initiative launched by MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, also witnessed morning walkers joining hands with the volunteers in cleaning the Lake premises. The volunteers along with the MP went around the entire Lake and collected the waste in bags which were later dumped in the MCC waste collection vehicles.

Speaking to media-persons, MP Yaduveer, said, "We have launched the cleanliness drive to create awareness among the people to keep the city including lakes, parks, monuments, schools and colleges clean."

The Mysuru-Kodagu MP also took exceptions to dumping of construction and demolition (C&D) wastes on roadside. He said that dumping of C&D waste on roadside must not be allowed and added that he would soon launch a drive to ensure the waste was removed.

About 40 volunteers representing service organisations including Bherunda Foundation, Balya, Cyberverse Foundation, Rotary Mysore, Rotaract Clubs, Lions International, Namma Mysore Foundation, NAREDCO Mysuru, Rotary Panchasheel and Young Indians among others took part in the cleanliness drive.

The volunteers also conducted cleanliness drives at Yuvaraja's College and Maharaja's College premises.

It may be recalled that Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar accompanied by his wife Trishika Kumari Wadiyar and volunteers had conducted a cleanliness driver after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's election rally as part of Lok Sabha election campaign programme at Maharaja's College Grounds in city.

Opening of office soon

Yaduveer Wadiyar said that he would be soon opening his office by the end of the month or early next month.

"We have been attending to various complaints received by the public at our office in Kuvempunagar. Till date we have received about 150 complaints. However, the official MP Office will be opened soon," he added. However, the MP did not disclose the location of the proposed office.

Dasharath of Namma Mysore Foundation, Gangadhar Gowda and others were present. Morning walkers at the Kukkarahalli Lake, especially young girls were seen taking selfies with Yaduveer Wadiyar for which the MP obliged.

Poor lighting at Lava-Kusha Park leaves walkers worried

A portion of Lava-Kusha Park in darkness due to absence of lights. Picture right shows walkers taking a stroll under limited lighting.

Mysuru, July 17 (SBD&VNS)- Evening and morning walkers at the Lava-Kusha Park on Lalithadri Road in Kuvempunagar are increasingly worried about the lack of proper lighting facilities.

Despite the park being well-maintained over the years through the efforts of walkers, officials and elected representatives, the current inadequate lighting issues are causing significant problems.

The park is open to the public from 5 am to 11 am and again from 4 pm to 9.30 pm. However, there is no security for park users during late evening hours, which is especially concerning for the elderly, women and children who visit the park for a stroll.

Walkers have complained that the inadequate lighting on the walking paths makes it difficult to use the facility during early mornings and at dusk.

Moreover, women walkers who visit the park after a long day at work fear chain snatchers and anti-social elements. Despite several requests, there is no resolution to the lighting issues.

Former Corporators are unresponsive to these concerns since their terms have ended, and CESC officials claim they are not responsible for maintaining the streetlights.

Additionally, walkers have reported incidents of indecent behaviour by a few couples, causing discomfort for elderly citizens, children and women who frequent the park for morning and evening walks.

The walkers urge the authorities to provide adequate lighting in the park and request that the jurisdictional Police deploy personnel to patrol the area to ensure the safety of women and children.

Anywhere Registration in Mysuru from August

- Properties, marriages can be registered in any Sub-Registrar Offices in the district, irrespective of jurisdiction.
- Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda orders officials to extend new system, first launched in Bengaluru, followed by Belagavi and Tumakuru.

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda chairing a meeting with Secretary-level officers of Revenue Department at his office in Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, yesterday.

Bengaluru, July 17 (BLU&BS)- Come August, the property registration will be a hassle-free process, with the State Government, all set to introduce a new system- Anywhere Registration in Mysuru and in surrounding districts too. Under this new system, those dealing with properties in Mysuru district, can register the same in any of the Sub-Registrar offices in the same district, without any hassles. With this, the Government is gradually doing away with the earlier system of fulfilling the related procedures in respective Sub-Registrar offices falling under the jurisdiction.

The same system will also be launched in neighbouring Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu and Hassan districts too. It was first launched on a pilot basis in Bengaluru, where it was successfully implemented, before extending it to the other parts of the State, with the plans to cover all the districts by this year end.

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, who chaired a meeting of Secretary-level officers of Revenue Department, at his office in Vidhana Soudha yesterday, issued orders extending 'Anywhere Registration System', that was earlier in force in Bengaluru, to other parts of the State including Mysuru district.

It is mainly intended at making Revenue Department, people friendly and to benefit a large number of people, added Minister Krishna Byre Gowda.

Normally, it is believed that, there will be a heavy rush at Sub-Registrar offices, with the people waiting for their turn for hours. Keeping the people waiting for long at Government offices, amounts to harassment. Hence, Anywhere Registration System was experimented first in Bengaluru, to avoid the travails experienced by the people.

Next, the people in other parts of the State should also reap the fruits of this new people friendly initiative, said Minister Gowda, who said, after Bengaluru, the new system was also introduced in Belagavi and Tumakuru districts too on March 14 this year and has met with an overwhelming response.

Buoyed by the response, the Revenue Department officials have been instructed to introduce the new system in four districts each in the months of August and September and later extend it to whole of the State by this year end, said Minister Gowda.

Apart from being people-friendly, the new system aims to ensure further transparency in the whole process and save the time, added Minister Gowda.

Principal Secretary (Disaster Management) of Revenue Department V. Rashmi Mahesh, Acting Inspector General of Registration and Stamps Department K. A. Dayananda and other officers were present.

What's Anywhere Registration?

Till date, the properties were registered at respective Sub-Registrar offices. Mysuru city has Sub-Registrar offices categorised as North, South, East and West and also at Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) premises. That apart, the Sub-Registrar offices are also functional at each of the taluk headquarters in the district. Depending on the address of the properties, the properties had to be registered in respective Sub-Registrar offices.

Under Sections 5 and 6 of Registration Act 1908, the new system was first launched on experimental lines in Bangalore Urban District limits covering the Sub-Registrar Offices of Basavanagudi, Gandhinagar, Jayanagar, Shivajinagar and Rajajinagar. The delay in the process of registration can be avoided with document registration or property registration, that would also ease the pressure on the staff. Apart from registration of properties, marriages can also be registered through Anywhere Registration.

The new system is sure to bring relief to many, but we still lag behind on incorporating technology more effectively, like in force in many foreign countries.

BJP to take out 'Bengaluru Chalo'

Chamarajanagar, July 17 (SS&DM)- Seeking the resignation of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah over the multi-crore Valmiki Development Corporation scam and diversion of funds meant for SC/ST welfare for other purposes, the BJP will be taking out a 'Bengaluru Chalo' march tomorrow (July 18).

Addressing a party meeting in this regard at the BJP office in Chamarajanagar yesterday, former Kolar MP Muniswamy accused CM Siddaramaiah of diverting SC/ST welfare funds for other purposes. Maintaining that CM Siddaramaiah is pursuing an Anti-Dalit policy, he alleged a massive scam in Maharshi Valmiki Development Corporation where funds were looted and misused. Asserting that Dalits cannot get their rights and justice as long as Siddaramaiah is at the helm of affairs, Muniswamy questioned the silence of Dalit leaders in the Congress at a time when SC/ST funds are glaringly misused by those in power.

Questioning the indifference of Dalit organisations over the matter, the former MP alleged that these organisations have been appeasing the Congress Government, which is unfortunate.

Calling upon the Chamarajanagar BJP leaders and workers to take part in large numbers in the march, Muniswamy said that the stir will be staged at Bengaluru's Freedom Park and the workers of the district should assemble there. BJP District President and former Gundlupet MLA C.S. Niranjankumar too spoke and said that the stir has been organised following the directions of State BJP Chief B.Y. Vijayendra and the party members should take part in large numbers to ensure the success of the stir.

Former MLA S. Balaraju, party leaders Noorondu Shetty, Jayasundar, Narayan Prasad and others were present.

'Hike in registration fee, contract carriage bus operators look at other States'

Mysuru, July 17 (GA&BS)- District Secretary of Karnataka Taxi Driver Association Kaushik has alleged that, several of contract carriage buses are being registered outside the State, thus cheating the State Government.

He was addressing media persons at Patrakarthara Bhavan in the city yesterday.

Kaushik said, over 50 buses are being operated in the district from the last six months and the transport operators are getting their vehicles registered in other States, due to the steep hike in tax and registration fee to obtain the permit in the State. To get the bus registered, the operators have to pay Rs. 1.83 lakh for a period of three months in the State, while in other States, the fee of Rs. 90,000 is being charged. Hence the Government should initiate action against such transport operators and also take steps to slash registration fee and tax, to increase the source of its revenue, he demanded.

Kaushik also urged the authorities concerned, to grant permission to get Geographical Positioning System (GPS) and Panic Button installed in public transport vehicles in any place of their convenience, instead of availing the service from a company identified by the Government to provide the service. The Government identified vendor charges about Rs. 15,000 to fit GPS device and Panic Button, while it is available in the range of Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 4,000 in other places, he said.

Office-bearers of Karnataka Taxi Driver Association Manju and Swamy were present.

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Hunsur couple reunites; daughter thanks Judges

Hunsur, July 17 (BS)- A couple, who had separated for 10 years, agreed for rapprochement and reunited, in the presence of the Judges here, during the National Lok Adalat held at Court premises on Saturday.

Divya of Hunsur and Murali of Bengaluru, are the couple, who reunited, setting an example for others. A B.Com graduate, Divya had married Murali, 10 years ago and the couple have a nine-year-old daughter. However, owing to the differences that cropped up among them, in the later year of their marriage, the couple had been staying separately. Amid this, Divya had moved Hunsur Court six years ago, filing a petition seeking alimony from her husband. The case was settled amicably, during the Lok Adalat.

The couple's nine-year-old daughter, thanked the Judges with folded hands, which made for an emotional moment. The Judges wished the couple by garlanding them, for mutually agreeing to iron out the differences among them.

Advocate Poornachandra argued on behalf of Divya and advocate K.R. Manjunath appeared for Murali.

Eighth Additional District and Sessions Court Judge T. Govindaiah, Principal Senior Civil Judge Jaibunnisa, also the Chairperson of Taluk Legal Services Authority (TLSA), Member Secretary of TLSA B.Y. Manu Patel, Additional Civil Judges Anitha and Pooja Belakere, Bar Association President S. Shivanne Gowda, Vice-President C. Harish Kumar, Woman Director of the Association Netravathi and other advocates were present.

Lok Adalat solves 40 lakh cases, provides Rs. 2,640 cr. relief: Justice Kameswar Rao

Bengaluru, July 17 (Agencies)- High Court Judge V. Kameswar Rao, also the Executive Chairman of Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA), has said a total of 40 lakh cases (40,03,411 cases) were disposed of and Rs. 2,640 crore relief amount was settled, during the recent National Lok Adalat.

He was addressing media persons at the office of Legal Services Authority, at the premises of High Court recently.

Providing a break-up of the cases solved, Justice Rao said, a total of 2,64,675 pending cases including in the High Court and Trial Courts and 37,38,766 pre-litigation cases in Trial Courts, were disposed of. The pending cases at the High Court benches in Bengaluru, Dharwad and Kalaburagi numbering 701 cases, 434 and 520 cases respectively, totalling 1,655 cases were also solved, added Justice Rao.

A total of 1,033 benches had been opened including 1,016 benches in district and taluk-levels and nine in Bengaluru bench of HC, five in Dharwad and three in Kalaburagi bench, for the purpose of Lok Adalat.

That apart, 9,00,935 disputes related to property taxes were also solved, resulting in generating a revenue of Rs. 694 crore to the State exchequer, for the Government extending the deadline to pay property tax with rebate till July 31, 2024, upon the request of KSLSA, added Justice Rao.

The other cases solved include- 1,550 matrimony cases, reconciliation of 259 couples, who agreed to reunite, ignoring the differences among them, 3,356 cases related to partition and 5,220 claims related to motor vehicle accidents, providing a relief amount of Rs. 260 crore. Besides, 11,155 cheque bounce cases under Negotiable Instruments Act, have been resolved.

The parties in dispute have finally heaved a sigh of relief, with Rs. 101 crore relief amount provided in 261 land acquisition cases, followed by ordering to pay compensation of up to Rs. 60 crore in 897 cases related to motor vehicles. Besides, 3,769 other cases have also been solved and a compensation of Rs. 118 crore has been provided.

A total of 15 cases related to Real Estate Regulation Authority (RERA) have also been settled, providing a relief amount of Rs. 1.22 crore, added Justice Rao.

Maharshi Valmiki Corporation scam

Ex-Minister B. Nagendra's wife taken into ED custody

Bengaluru, July 17 (BCT)- Days after Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials arrested former Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Tribal Welfare B. Nagendra, a Congress MLA from Ballari Rural Constituency, in connection with a scam involving the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation, the ED has taken Nagendra's wife, Manjula, into custody.

Funds amounting to Rs. 88 crore were embezzled in the Valmiki Corporation during Nagendra's tenure and the ED is currently investigating the case. ED officials visited Manjula at her residence in Dollars Colony this morning and took her to their office in Shantinagar.

She has been detained on suspicions of money transfers related to financial transactions involving her accounts. In connection with the same scam, Nagendra was remanded into six days of ED custody on Saturday morning, after being presented to the Judge of the Special Court for criminal cases.

MUDA land scam probe: Progress or play-acting?

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They sealed the MUDA Meeting Hall that contained files and records and informed MUDA Officers that they would return on Monday (July 15) as July 13 (Saturday) was a Second Saturday holiday and Sunday (July 14) was a general holiday.

However, the team did not return on Monday (July 15) as told to local MUDA Officers and was not seen on Tuesday (July 16). Today (July 17) being a Government holiday on account of Moharram, it is to be seen whether the Committee members will return tomorrow, a working day.

There is no information about their arrival. Even the office of the MUDA Commissioner is unaware of their whereabouts and there is no clarity on when they will resume the investigation.

There is a clear instruction from the Government that no activity must take place in any section of MUDA until the investigation process is complete. As a result, officers and staff come regularly, register their attendance, idle away the time until evening and then head home. None of the public services are open and all routine work has come to a standstill.

Stalemate at MUDA Office

The situation at MUDA is that of a stalemate, with neither progress in the investigation nor the ability for officers and staff to perform their day-to-day duties, prolonging the wait for people who applied for various services two to three months ago.

In the meantime, the State Government has constituted a one-man Judicial Commission headed by Justice Padmaraj Nemachandra Desai, a retired Judge of the Karnataka High Court, to investigate the MUDA scandal, even before the Inquiry Committee completed its probe and submitted its report.

The formation of two investigative bodies in parallel has raised suspicions about the Government's seriousness in uncovering the truth in the MUDA scandal and bringing the culprits to justice. Questions have arisen about how two investigative bodies can examine the records at MUDA simultaneously and whether the investigation processes will clash.

Furthermore, the transfer of officers alleged to have committed fraud in MUDA, instead of being punished, has raised further doubts. **Additionally, the same Department (Urban Development Department) is investigating the scandal committed by its own officers in MUDA.**

No cancellation notification

To add to the doubts, Government has not issued any official notification or order to cancel the sites allotted under the 50:50 ratio since 2020 until the investigation process is complete.

During his recent visit to Mysuru, Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh announced that site allocations since 2020 would be cancelled. However, a cancellation notification is yet to be issued, raising questions about Government's and Minister's commitment to addressing the issue.

Where are 160 files taken to Bengaluru from MUDA?

Mysuru, July 17 (RK&BCT)- The formation of the one-man Judicial Commission by the State Government to investigate the 50:50 ratio plot allocation scam in MUDA is a welcome move. However, the Karnataka Rashtra Samithi has expressed concerns that the investigation might be a sham, as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his family are also under suspicion.

Speaking at a press conference yesterday, State Organisation Secretary M. Ravi Kumar stated that, based on the CM's advice, a special four-member Inquiry Committee led by Senior IAS Officer R. Venkatachalapathy, Commissioner of Urban Development Authorities and Town and Country Planning, was appointed for the investigation.

"But before Venkatachalapathy and his team commenced the investigation, over 160 files

were transported from MUDA in Mysuru to Bengaluru on the instructions of Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh. What is the outcome and whereabouts of the files taken from MUDA related to the scandal? Where are the files now?" he questioned.

"Given that the CM's family is facing allegations, there is suspicion that the investigation report, if submitted to the CM, could be manipulated or influenced. Therefore, Siddaramaiah must resign from his position. Additionally, the investigation must be conducted by a sitting Judge of the High Court."

14th Graduation Day held at NIE

The 14th Graduation Day of National Institute of Engineering (NIE) was held at NIE Golden Jubilee Indoor Sports Complex on Manandavadi Road in city on July 12. A total of 717 Under-Graduates received the degree certificates, while 42 rank holders, 8 BE honours and 9 Ph.D awardees received Gold Medals on the occasion. Prof. T.G. Sitharam (seated 4th from left), Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi, who was the chief guest, presented the medals to the students. Dr. M.S. Ranganath, President, NIE-MC; Dr. Rohini Nagapadma, Principal; Dr. M.S. Ganesh Prasad, Vice-Principal; Dr. C. Vidya Raj, Dean; Dr. S. Kuzalvaimozhi, Controller of Examinations and others were present on the occasion.

CFTRI promotes farmer products

Mysuru, July 17 (BLU&DM)- CSIR-CFTRI Director Dr. Sridevi Annapoorna Singh said that the CFTRI has 432 different types of technologies and the Institute has been promoting farm produces and products over the years.

She was speaking after inaugurating 'Nam Company', an Akashavani serial broadcast on empowerment of Farmer Producers Organisations, at a programme jointly organised by CFTRI, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Mysore (UoM) and Mandya based Vikasana Grameena Mathu Nagaraabhivruddhi Samsthe, at B.N. Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences on Hunsur road here recently.

Pointing out that farm products promoted by the CFTRI are now available at Amazon and Flipkart,

Dr. Annapoorna Singh said that the CFTRI has been introducing newer technologies to farmers and it has trained over 700 farmers in this regard thus far, who in turn, have trained thousands of other farmers.

Noting that farmers are the backbone for the activities of CFTRI which was established in 1950, she opined that the Institute's association with the farming community is so much that one cannot be separated from the other. " India is on the top of the world in several sectors including Agriculture. The crop yield has improved a lot after the Green Revolution which happened decades ago. But it is unfortunate that a sizable quantity of quality crops, vegetables and fruits are going waste by getting rotten due to lack of specific technology", she said and stressed on the need for having more modernised foodgrain storages of international standards.

The CFTRI Director also gave some suggestions on overcoming the challenges in finding good and large markets both domestically and internationally.

Akashavani ,Mysuru Deputy Director S.S. Umesh, 'Krishiranga' Programme Executive N. Keshvamurthy, Mandya NABARD Bank Development Manager B.V. Harshitha, UoM Department of Journalism Head Prof. Sapna, Mandya Vikasana Samsthe Director Maheshchandra Guru, Coimbatore's PVR Foods (P) Ltd., CEO Subhadra, Bengaluru's Green Object Agro India Managing Director Pushpadevi and others were present.

Hassanamba Darshan from Oct. 24

Hassan, July 17- The annual Darshan of Goddess Hassanamba, the famed deity of Hassanamba temple at Hassan, will take place from Oct.24 to Nov. 3.

Hassan DC Satyabhama held a preliminary meeting in this regard at Hassan on Tuesday, during which she directed the officials to make preparations for Hassanamba Jatra Mahotsava.

Pointing out that the temple will be thrown open for devotees for 9 days during this period (Oct. 24 to Nov. 3) , Satyabhama gave instructions to the officials on providing all necessary facilities to the devotees. She further told the officials to provide online booking facility to the devotees for having Darshan of the deity.

The DC also directed the officials to organise package tours by KSRTC and KSTDC, covering all tourist spots in the district.

Hardwicke Church's 128th anniversary

CSI Hardwicke Church on Vani Vilas Road in Lakshmipuram celebrated its 128th anniversary on Sunday last in city. Church Pastor Rev. Victor conducted the special service while CSI-KSD Bishop Rt. Rev. Hemachandra Kumar delivered the benediction. MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Church members, Pastorate Committee members and others took part in the celebrations.

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Embrace AI in medicine,

urges Laryngologist Dr. Sachin Gandhi

Founding President of Laryngology and Voice Association Dr. Sachin Gandhi inaugurating the 'Laryngology Summit-2024' along with Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, at Sri Rajendra Centenary Auditorium in city recently as others look on.

Mysuru, July 17 (MTY&TRR)- "Artificial Intelligence (AI) is invading all sectors at the moment. Doctors must come forward to make use of technologies based on AI," advised Dr. Sachin Gandhi, Founding President of the Laryngology and Voice Association (LVA).

Dr. Gandhi was speaking after inaugurating the 3-day 'Laryngology Summit-2024' and the 12th Annual Conference of the Laryngology and Voice Association, hosted by the Department of ENT and Head and Neck Surgery at JSS Medical College and Hospital, Mysuru, at the Sri Rajendra Centenary Auditorium, JSS Hospital, recently.

"Doctors often believe they have performed surgeries precisely. However, AI technology might suggest that an incision should have been two inches longer. Therefore, doctors must show interest in learning new technologies and shed the tendency to ignore them. They should not feel that the latest technology is only for the present generation. They must be eager to learn new technologies," Dr. Gandhi emphasised.

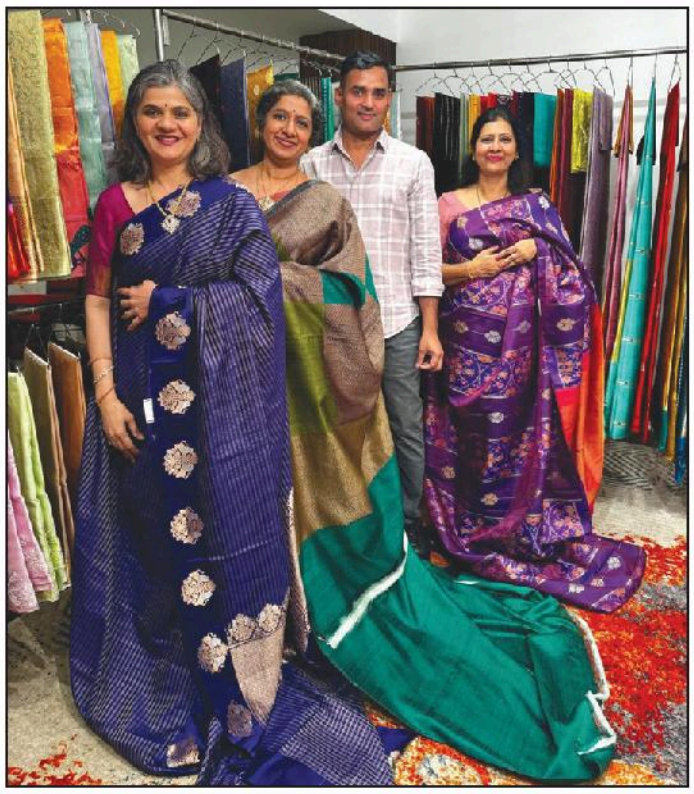
He also mentioned that the Laryngology and Voice Association has started online spiritual classes and courses to improve interpersonal relations. "We also organise interaction programs with experts from the University of Chicago every three months," he added.

Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor of JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru, presided over the inaugural event. He highlighted the frequent advancements in the medical and pharmaceutical fields, urging doctors to keep track of these developments.

"With the continuous improvements and upgrades in available technology, it is possible to provide the best treatment to patients," he opined.

President of LVA, Dr. S. Thirunavukkarasu, Organising Committee President Dr. M.B. Bharati, Dr. Dinesh Sheshappa, Dr. A.R. Babu, Dr. B.S. Rakesh, Academic Chairman Dr. Suhail Hasan, and other senior doctors were also present.

Two-day expo by Vaishnavi Silks



A two-day expo by Vaishnavi Silks, organised by Impressionz, began at Hotel Southern Star in city this morning. The expo will be open to visitors from 11 am to 8 pm today and tomorrow. Picture shows (from left) Neela Rao, Vaishali Hanumanth, designer Prabhath and Geeta Sankalp during the inauguration.

Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava's Jyeshtha edition

Mysuru, July 17- Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava is the monthly cultural event series to promote Indian arts and culture under the aegis of Champaka Educational & Cultural Trust, Mysuru.

The 'Jyeshtha' edition of this series was held on July 6 at Champaka Academy premises in Ramakrishnanagar, with Bharatanatyam performances from accomplished artistes from Mysuru and Bengaluru.

The evening started with a solo Bharatanatyam performance from Shreya Kashyap, disciple of Vidushi Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan, Founder of Champaka Academy. Her scintillating performance started with Melaprapti and was followed by *Sri Rama Stotram, Krishna Koutvam, Shiva Kriti* and concluded with *Thillana*.

Shreya Kashyap depicted *Kalinga Mardana* in a very attractive way which was appreciated by the audience.

Disciples of Vidushi Sunitha Sukumaran, Founder and Director of Sri Krishna Kalaalaya, Bengaluru, presented a Bharatanatyam feature starting with *Ganesha Stuti Shri Vignarajam Bhaje* followed by *Pushpanjali* and other compositions including *Eshane Kailasa Nathane*.

The programme concluded with the Bharatanatyam feature by the disciples of Vidwan R. Kannan, Director of Nandini Nirthyalaya, one of the oldest and prestigious dance institutions in Mysuru.

The team presented various compositions including *Pushpanjali, Jatiswara, Sri Krishna Varna* and *Tillana*. The *Varna* portrayed the keen learning and *Sadhana* of his students including Pavan and Gunashankar showing energy and emotive skills.

Professor M.S.K. Narahari Babu, Founder-Principal of Sadvidya Semi-Residential PU College and Secretary of Sadvidya Educational Institutions, Mysuru, was the chief guest.

He spoke about the importance of cultural events in promoting the art forms which uphold the culture values of our region and the responsibility of elders in encouraging the young generation to take part in such events.

All performers were given a certificate of appreciation by the chief guest.

Trustees Nagarajan Srinivasan and K.A. Deepamani were present at the event.

'Vaidyashree' Awards

conferred on senior doctors

Mysuru, July 17 (MTY&TRR)- MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah underscored that the physical and mental well-being of citizens is a key indicator of a healthy society.

He was speaking after inaugurating the 'World Doctors Day' function organised by Anveshana Seva Trust at the Institution of Engineers auditorium on JLB Road recently.

"National Doctors Day is observed on July 1 every year to commemorate the birthday of the legendary Indian doctor and former Chief Minister of West Bengal, Dr. B.C. Roy, and to honour his services to the people. Ironically, July 1 is also the day of his death. All medical organisations in India have unanimously decided to celebrate his birth anniversary as World Doctors Day," he said.

Highlighting the tireless efforts of doctors in improving patient health and creating a healthy society, Dr. Thimmaiah stressed the importance of physical and mental health for societal well-being. He also noted the need to address other societal issues like poverty and unemployment and advised people to undergo regular medical check-ups.

Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore, felicitated senior doctors Dr. K.M. Madappa (Sigma Hospital), Dr. Harsha Basappa (Jayadeva Hospital), Dr. S. Ravishankar (Kamakshi Hospital), Dr. Sandeep (Assistant Professor, Government Naturopathy and Yoga Mahavidyalaya), Dr. C.P. Madhu and Dr. S. Jayashree (both JSS Hospital), with 'Vaidyashree' Awards.

AIISH Director Prof. M. Pushpavathi, Anveshana Seva Trust's Arya Amarnathraje Urs, retired Dean of MMC&RI Dr. H. Hanumanthappa, Dr. MGR Urs of Chutuku Sahitya Parishat, Anveshana Trust Vice-President HMT Lingaraje Urs and others were present.

Four Mysuru natives stranded in rising Kerala river rescued

Kerala Fire and Rescue Services personnel rescuing the stranded persons, from Chittoor River in Palakkad yesterday. (Pic. courtesy: Agencies)

***Chittoor MLA and Electricity Minister K. Krishnankutty** (extreme right), who personally supervised the rescue operations, is seen along with the rescued persons.*

Palakkad, July 17 (UNI&Agencies) Four persons including an elderly woman from Mysuru, who were stranded for about two hours on a rock in the middle of the Chittoor River in Kerala were rescued by Fire and Rescue Services personnel in a half-an-hour operation, yesterday.

They are identified as-Devi (60), her husband Lakshmanan (65), Vishnu (30) and Suresh (32)

According to the Police, a group of migrant workers from Karnataka, now staying in Chittoor for construction works, entered Chittoor River to take bath and wash clothes, near the Narani Alumkadavu around afternoon, without prior knowledge of the opening of the Moolathara Reservoir's regulator shutter.

The water level rose suddenly and a few of them swam to the bank, before the surge of water in the river. They alerted the residents, who subsequently informed the Police. Police and Fire Force personnel rushed to the spot.

The four sought refuge on a rock in the river, as the water level continued to swell and the current in the river became strong. They were trapped in the river for two hours. Police and Fire Force personnel rescued Devi, Lakshmanan, Vishnu and Suresh, by using the rope within 30 minutes.

They were rescued after providing life jackets. The current in the river made the rescue process difficult, said one of the team members.

Kerala Electricity Minister K. Krishnankutty, who is also the local MLA of Chittoor, rushed to the spot and coordinated the rescue operations . The health condition of all four rescued persons was stated to be stable.

The woman was first brought ashore. Then the three men were rescued one by one. The Minister said that, the four had displayed exceptional courage while they stood on the rock even as the water level continued to rise. The Mysuru natives were living at Chittoor.

Thanking the Fire and Rescue Services personnel for rescuing them, one of the survivors said the water level was low when they got into the river to wash clothes, but the water level increased suddenly, forcing them to seek refuge on a rock.

CEN, CCB Police arrest seven drug peddlers

Narcotic substances including ganja, MDMA worth over Rs. 8.30 lakh seized

Mysuru, July 17 (KS)- In separate cases, the Cyber, Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Crime and City Crime Branch (CCB) Police, have arrested a total of seven drug peddlers, besides seizing narcotic substances, mobile phones, one car and one scooter all worth over Rs. 8.30 lakh from them.

In the first case, the CEN Police on July 8 arrested four drug peddlers, who were trying to sell ganja on the service road of Outer-Ring Road near Srinidhi Layout, close to Sathagalli Bus Stand and have seized 21.300 kg ganja, one Toyota Corolla car and mobile phones, all worth Rs. 6,30,000 from them, besides registering a case.

DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj and CEN Crime Police ACP N. Sneharaj guided CEN Inspector Prasanna Kumar, Sub-Inspector Anilkumar and staff K.S. Srinivas, V.A. Madhu, M. Bhasha and P. Kumar from the Technical Wing in the nabbing and seizing operation.

In the second case, the City Crime Branch (CCB) Police on July 12 arrested three drug peddlers, who were trying to sell banned narcotic substance MDMA, in front of a house on Pulikeshi Road 6th Cross, Agasara Beedhi in Mandi Police limits and seized 51 grams and 4 ml MDMA substance, one new scooter without registration number plate and other items, all worth over Rs. 2 lakh from them.

Higher Police officers guided CCB officers and staff in the nabbing and seizing operation. A case has been registered at Mandi Police Station.

Realtor loses Rs. 69 lakh to online fraudsters

Mysuru, July 17 (SBD&KS)- Online fraudsters, who lured a city realtor into investing money by promising huge profits for the investment have cheated him of Rs. 69 lakh.

The realtor, who lost his money is Rajesh (name changed), a resident of Vijayanagar in city.

Rajesh was informed about SKY SCANER company by his friend, who also told Rajesh that there were certain rules to be followed and he (Rajesh) had to give good rating to ticket booking topic, following which he would get 50 percent profit on his investment.

Believing his friend, Rajesh initially invested Rs. 10,000 for which he got Rs. 15,400 which included his investment amount and profit on the same day.

With an urge to make a windfall, Rajesh, as instructed by his friend invested Rs. 30,000 the next day.

Though he got huge profit, he was unable to withdraw the money and contacted the fraudsters, who told him to invest Rs. 54,115 again and he would be given profit for the total money he had invested, following which the fraudsters got a total of Rs. 68.96 invested forcibly from Rajesh in three months, thus leaving him cheated later.

Meanwhile, CEN Police have warned people against falling prey to fraudsters, who con people into investing money by promising high returns as profit.

The Cops said that though they have been creating awareness among the public by distributing handbills, pasting posters in Banks, Government Offices, public places and even newspapers publishing reports of such crimes taking place and people losing huge money, the people have not bothered to be careful and are still falling victim to online fraudsters.

The CEN Police have urged the public to be careful and not click on any website links received on their phone as cyber criminals can clean their Bank accounts within a minute or two after they (public) click on the dubious website links.

Contractor's house burgled in B.M. Sri Nagar

Theft occurred when he and his family went to Bannur to visit his ailing mother

Mysuru, July 17 (RK&KS)- Burglars have made away with gold ornaments and cash from the house of a contractor in B.M. Sri Nagar here, while he had gone to Bannur to attend the last rites of his mother.

The burglary took place at the house of Basavaraju on Saturday night. Basavaraju, who received information about his mother taking ill suddenly, left to Bannur along with his family members on Saturday afternoon. As his mother passed away on same night, Basavaraju and his family members stayed in Bannur to attend the last rites on Sunday.

After performing the last rites on Sunday late evening, Basavaraju and his family members returned to Mysuru and on arriving at their house, they were shocked to see the front door of the house forcibly opened.

On entering the house, the family found the cupboard ransacked and gold ornaments worth Rs. 1.34 lakh and Rs. 1 lakh cash kept in the cupboard stolen and informed the jurisdictional Metagalli Police.

Metagalli Inspector Diwakar and staff, who rushed to the house, conducted mahazar, registered a case. They have collected the footages of CCTV cameras in the vicinity, to nab the burglars.

WORD OF THE DAY

Duplicitous

Pronunciation: doo-plis-i-tuhs, dyoo (adjective).
Meaning: Marked or characterised by duplicity.
Origin: The first records of the word duplicitous come from the late 1800s in a legal context. It ultimately comes from the Late Latin word duplicitās, meaning "doubleness." The beginning part du- means "two" and is the basis of words like duo, duplex, and duplicate. When you call someone duplicitous, it most commonly means they are two-faced. It's often used to describe someone who is intentionally trying to give different impressions to different people. One impression can be true and one a lie, or they can both be lies, but in any case the result is something that is not the full truth.
The word can also describe the actions of such a person. A close synonym is deceitful. A more informal synonym is double-dealing (which can also be used as a noun). People who are liars are duplicitous. The word is based on the idea of presenting two or more different versions of oneself or of a situation. Fittingly, duplicitous people are often accused of being two-faced or of "speaking out of both sides of their mouth." This typically means that they say different things to different people (in other words, they lie) in order to serve their agenda. Less commonly, duplicitous can describe something that has two elements or parts. This sense of duplicitous does not have the same negative implication as the primary sense of the word.
Example: I've never met someone more duplicitous — he says one thing & then turns around & says complete opposite, barely trying to conceal the lie.

THE ODD WORD

Debel

To conquer in war.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Don't give up the day job

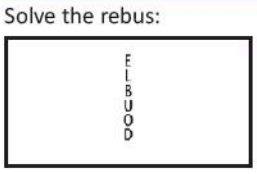
Meaning: The phrase "Don't give up the day job " means that you ought to keep doing what you are great at, instead of taking a stab at something new or turning your hobby into your profession.
Origin: The origin of the phrase cannot be traced. It is a combination of somewhat sarcastic with good-natured advice.
Example: "I tasted the cupcake you baked yesterday. My feedback is: don't give up your day job!"

QUOTE BOX

Man should forget his anger before he goes to sleep.—**Mahatma Gandhi**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: Double up.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Outer edge of wheel on which tyre is fitted
4 Weather-report abbr.
7 Search and Rescue
10 Cry of grief
12 Electronic Instrument Sys.
13 Angered or angry, poetically speaking?
15 A geometric curve?
17 Supporter of someone at prayer
18 Prohibit
19 Small light boat
20 Important
23 Monetary unit of Angola
25 Another name for a rabbit's tail
26 Considered, judged or viewed
29 Cricket great Sir ____ Hutton
30 Go bad
31 A small unit of length
33 Rough lump
36 Jane Austen novel
37 One of the United States
38 Lobby
39 Large teeth
42 Agreed
43 UP town
44 Tehran natives
49 DI in DIY (2,2)
50 Brownish gray
51 Short letter
52 Microwave Landing Sys.
53 Bother
54 What you might say when you make a discovery

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

	T	B	D		I	B	A		M	F	D	
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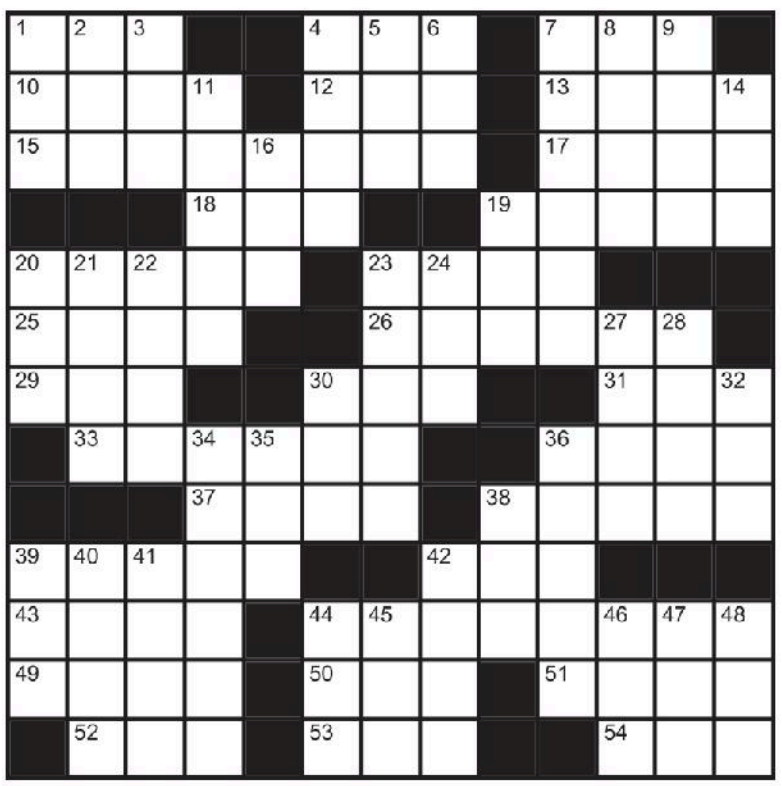
DOWN

1 Jay-Z's genre
2 Playback singer Arun
3 Spoil
4 Inert gas
5 Nought
6 Conductor __-Pekka Salonen
7 Indian state bordering China
8 "I ran" anagram for a man's pet name?
9 __ knot : a double knot?
11 Wooden shoe
14 Rock group ___ Leppard
16 Exclude
19 Discern or observe
20 Mean Sea Level, abbr.
21 Got a hole in one
22 Fourth largest asteroid
23 Drug used to treat Parkinson's disease (1-4)
24 Moistened
27 Television award
28 Ten cents
30 An angry dispute
32 Household god
34 According to one's ___ : according to one's principles?
35 "L" in L.A. the famous city ?
36 A red dye - "noise" anagram ?
38 Marsh
39 Gave food to
40 When split it causes an explosion
41 Fixing pin
42 Tug
44 Uganda's Amin
45 Robot drama by Karel Capek
46 Angle-of-attack, abbr.
47 Degree of sorts
48 All at ___ : confused or bewildered?



SUDOKU

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		9		6	1	4		
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				5	9		2	
	8	1				7	9	
	2		1	7				
	3							2
		8	3	4		6		
7			5					

Answer to previous puzzle

6	8	3	4	2	9	7	5	1
4	1	5	6	3	7	8	2	9
9	7	2	8	5	1	3	6	4
2	9	7	5	4	6	1	3	8
5	3	6	1	9	8	4	7	2
1	4	8	3	7	2	5	9	6
8	5	1	9	6	3	2	4	7
7	6	4	2	1	5	9	8	3
3	2	9	7	8	4	6	1	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VKFDZB AVM BZF VHOVMT QPDBS RVNNDBWTT, QGF

FRWPW DT BZ RVNNDBWTT ODFRZGF VKFDZB.

TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

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- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Indian 2 (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Indian 2 (Ta) - 4 Shows
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  Indian 2 (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Indian 2 (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 9886325207**
  Indian 2 (H) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Jackie (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Sarfira (H) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Kalki 2898 AD (K) - 4 Shows
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  Shastri (K) 4 Shows

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Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)	(S-1)	9.35 am; (S-2) 3.55 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)	(S-1)	6.45 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-3)	9.30 am, 12.55 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H-3D)	(S-3)	7 pm
Indian 2 (Ta)	(S-1)	1 pm
	(S-4)	9.25 am, 3.10 pm
		6.40 pm, 10.10 pm
Inside Out 2 (E-3D)	(S-1)	4.35 pm
Sarfira (H)	(S-2)	9.45 am, 12.50 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Fly Me to the Moon (E)	(S-3)	4.20 pm, 10.25 pm
Despicable Me 4 (E-3D)	(S-4)	1 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 6 pm
	(S-4)	1.25 pm, 7.45 pm
Love Li (K)	(S-1)	1.55 pm
Indian 2 (Ta)	(S-2)	1 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.50 pm
	(S-3)	6.05 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-4)	10 am
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)	(S-3)	11.10 am, 2.40 pm
Kali Kudukaru (K)	(S-4)	4.50 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Sarfira (H)	:	9 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.45 pm, 10 pm, 10.30 pm
Indian 2 (Ta)	:	10.30 am, 11.30 am, 2.10 pm
		3.10 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Indian 2 (H)	:	5.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H-3D)	:	10.45 am, 2.25 pm, 6.05 pm, 9.45 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)	:	11.15 am, 6.35 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-2D)	:	2.55 pm, 10:15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11 am
Kaagaz Ke Phool (H)	:	11.35 am
Kill (H)	:	2.45 pm
Fly Me to the Moon (E)	:	5.10 pm
Longlegs (E)	:	8.05 pm

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Indian 2 (Ta)	:	9.15 am, 11 am, 2.40 pm, 6.20, 10 pm
Sarfira (H)	:	9.30 am, 12.45 pm, 4 pm, 7.15, 10.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.30 am
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)	:	11.05 am, 6.30 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H-3D)	:	2.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)	:	3.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Despicable Me 4 (E)	:	12.55 pm
Indian 2 (Te)	:	6.50 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JULY 17)

- **Mysuru City and District Brahmana Sangha, Mysuru:** Felicitation to Mysuru- Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, chief guest, Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthpuram, **5 pm.**
- **Art of Living, Mysuru:** Five-day workshop on yoga, pranayama, meditation and powerful breathing technique called Sudarshan Kriya as part of Guru Purnima **between 6 pm & 8.30 pm** Lalithadripura Road. [Mob: 94804-76825]

EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 18)

- **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Karnataka:** 'Integrate 24' - An Exhibition and Conference on Buyer Seller Meet, N. Venu, Chairman, CII Karnataka State Council; Arjun Ranga, Managing Director, Cycle Pure Agarbathi and former Chairman of CII Karnataka; G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru, chief guests, Hotel Southern Star, Mysuru, **10 am.**
- **Sri Chandramoulishwaraswamy Temple, V.V. Mohalla:** 82nd Jayantyotsava and 20th Brahmotsava Programme, Laksharchan Homa, Temple premises, **9 am.**
- **Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Mysuru:** Music Concert as part of 105th birth anniversary celebrations of Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Joint Director, Department of Kannada and Culture, Mysuru, chief guest, Sabha President B.S. Sridhara Raj Urs presides, Vocal concert by Vidu. Adithi Prahalad, accompanied by Vid. Nandan Kashyap on mridanga, Vid. Keshava M. Kumar on violin and Vid. M.J. Kiran Kumar on ghata, Alwar Kalabhavana, Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam III Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Shruthimanjari Prathishtana and Rotary Club of Mysore West:** Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Memorial Day, Karnatak Classical music programme based on Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar kritis, Vocal recital by **Vid. S.R. Vinay,** accompanied by **Vidu. C.V. Shruti** on violin and **Vid. Sunaad Krishna** on mridanga, Rotary West Hall, opposite Kamakshi Hospital, **6 pm.** [Mob: 94496-22466]

Anjuman felicitates toppers

Anjuman members seen with guest speaker Anees Kutty from Pune at the felicitation event.

Mysuru, July 17- Anjuman E Hadiqatul Adab, Mysuru, over a century-old organisation which has been promoting literature, art, harmony and culture, had organised a function in city on Sunday to felicitate toppers.

About 52 SSLC and 46 PU toppers and their parents, along with other students participated in the function at Jaganmohan Palace Auditorium.

Renowned career guidance specialist Md Anees Kutty from Pune, who runs a training institute for NDA aspirants and who has been instrumental in helping more than 650 of them to reach their goal, had been invited as guest speaker to enlighten the students about various career options available to them.

Addressing the large gathering, the speaker pointed out that there are equally and also more lucrative and attractive careers, beyond just medicine and engineering which today are the only two that are most well-known to students and their parents.

He lamented that many of them, upon failing to make it to these two goals, settle down, out of sheer ignorance, for some very ordinary choices that lead nowhere and leave them frustrated for the rest of their lives.

He stressed that all schools, colleges and social service organisations should create good career guidance facilities and regularly invite knowledgeable experts to guide the students.

Emphasising on the need for all students to appear for entrance exams of Navodaya and Sainik Schools, he said this was necessary, at least to give parents an idea of whether their children were getting the right standard of education in the schools they were going to.

He stressed that all students should pay special attention to doing well in mathematics as it was a very important requirement to do well in almost all competitive exams.

Kutty, who is known for offering his services free of cost, reassured the audience that he would be most willing to guide them with their efforts in future too.

INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

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Sarfira (H)	:	9.05 am, 4 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H-2D)	:	10.40 am, 6.40 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)	:	11.10 am, 2.50 pm, 6.30 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)	:	3 pm, 10.20 pm
Indian 2 (Ta)	:	11 am, 2.40 pm, 6.20 pm, 10 pm
Indian (Te)	:	12.20 pm
Indian (H)	:	10.10 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.20 pm

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Indian 2 (Ta)	:	7.50 am, 11.30 am, 3.10 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Sarfira (H)	:	9.30 am, 12.45 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.30 am
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)	:	11 am, 6.20 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H-3D)	:	2.40 pm, 10 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)	:	2.50 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Ma-2D)	:	10.10 pm
Indian 2 (Te)	:	11.10 am
Maharaja (Ta)	:	4 pm
Indian (H)	:	6.30 pm

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